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Title: "A Thermal Plastic Expanded Foam Meat Tray and Method and Apparatus for
Precisely Trimming the Meat Tray From An Expanded Foam Web"

RESPONSE TO APRIL 26, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

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AMENDMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002, please amend the
above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

Replace paragraph [0024] on page 9 with the following clean replacement
paragraph in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(ii):

[0024]

Preferably the alignment corner surfaces 42

are concave curved as seen in the top views

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